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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNIVERSITIES WITH COURSES/PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS & LEADERS

Universities that offer programs for teachers and educational leaders must address specific conditions identified within the *Rules for Registration and Licensure* for the Louisiana Board of Regents. The rules define “Clinical Experiences (*Section 101 – Item B*) and standards for academic programs for teachers and leaders (*Section 305 – Items F & G*). This document can be found at the following URL: http://regents.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/Planning/Compiled_Rules_and_Regs_December_2010-2011_0412.pdf. In addition to addressing the same requirements as all other programs, universities with programs for teachers and leaders must address the following requirements.

If your university plans to offer courses/degrees to teachers and/or leaders in Louisiana and is not nationally accredited by NCATE/TEAC, it will be necessary for your university to provide evidence to the Louisiana Board of Regents that it has contacted NCATE/TEAC and started the process to become nationally accredited. If you do not have national accreditation from NCATE/TEAC, you will not be provided the authority to offer courses/degrees to teachers and leaders. The only exception is for universities who offer online courses/degrees that involve no face-to-face contact with students in Louisiana and/or no clinical experiences for teachers/leaders in educational settings in Louisiana.

If your university is nationally accredited or can provide evidence that you are pursuing national accreditation by NCATE/TEAC and if your university is offering courses that involve face to face contact and/or clinical experiences which lead to certification as a teacher or leader in Louisiana or another state, it will be necessary for your university to address *Bulletin 996 - Standards for Approval of Teacher Education Programs* that has been adopted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). The Louisiana Board of Regents will not provide authorization for universities to operate courses/programs for teachers and educational leaders until they have provided evidence of attainment of initial (Level 1) or subsequent (Levels 2, 3, 4) approval from the Louisiana Department of Education. The BESE policy can also be found at the following web site: <http://www.doe.state.la.us/bese/policies.html>.

If your university is nationally accredited or can provide evidence that you are pursuing national accreditation by NCATE/TEAC and if your university is offering courses that involve face to face contact and/or clinical experiences that will not lead to initial certification as a teacher or leader, it will be necessary for your university to sign a notarized statement that indicates that your university will not market the teacher/leader preparation programs being offered in Louisiana as leading toward certification as a teacher or educational leader. A copy of the statement can be obtained from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Please contact Dr. Jeanne Burns at Jeanne.burns@la.gov if you have questions pertaining to the Board of Regents rules for teachers and leaders. Please contact Andrew Vaughan at Andrew.vaughan@la.gov if you have questions about *Bulletin 996* and BESE policy.